



## 2017 NEVADA TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

### BACKGROUND

The Nevada Teacher of the Year Award is affiliated with the National Teacher of the Year program, the oldest and most prestigious awards program designed to focus public attention on excellence in teaching. The program mission is to select outstanding classroom teachers who are also able to speak for, motivate, and exemplify the contributions of all teachers.

### DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

Being named Nevada Teacher of the Year is not only an award, but an honor – one that comes with an enormous responsibility: that of representing the entire profession in Nevada. The Nevada Teacher of the Year acts as:

- A liaison between the teaching community and the legislature, the Department of Education, districts, and communities;
- An education ambassador to businesses, parents, service organizations, and media;
- A resource on the state of the profession to be available for workshops and conferences around the state; and
- An education leader involved in teacher forums and education reform.

The Nevada Teacher of the Year is also expected to attend national events such as the National Teachers' Forum and the National Teacher of the Year Ceremony. In addition, he or she attends education meetings, conferences, and workshops around the state. Since the Teacher of the Year will be requested to attend events and make speeches during the year, he or she must be poised, articulate and have the energy to make and withstand a busy schedule.

### PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The self-nomination process is open to any licensed teacher currently teaching in a classroom from pre-kindergarten through grade twelve and working full-time at a state approved or accredited school. Candidates are to be skillful, dedicated teachers who plan to actively continue classroom teaching. They take an active role in their community, as well as in their school, and demonstrate professional poise and speak articulately. One of the most important criteria in evaluating nominees is their innovation and ability to inspire a love of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities.

### REQUIRED ELEMENTS

The format outlined below **must be followed** in order to be eligible. Incomplete applications will be disqualified from the selection process. In order to assure consistent evaluations, the following criteria are required:

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| Section I:    | General Information/Signatures (Must use form provided)     |
| Section II:   | Educational History and Professional Development Activities |
| Section III:  | Professional Biography                                      |
| Section IV:   | Community Involvement                                       |
| Section V:    | Philosophy of Teaching                                      |
| Section VI:   | Education Issues and Trends                                 |
| Section VII:  | The Teaching Profession                                     |
| Section VIII: | National Teacher of the Year                                |
| Section IX:   | Letters of Support  |
| Section X:    | Publicity Photograph (5" x 7" color, head shot preferred)   |

The application is available at: [Teacher of the Year Program](#)

The entire application package must be submitted by **Monday, September 19, 2016**.

### Please mail or deliver your application to:

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